26 May 2015, 6.00 - 8.00 pm in the College Lecture Theatre

VOLTA MEDICAL

Simon Wain-Hobson

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Viruses And Society

6.00 pm

The origins, complexity and challenges of HIV

7.00 pm

Why make dangerous human viruses?

Infectious diseases retain a major role in the current world, affecting billions of people and killing millions each year. This series tackles the origin of two ancient plagues: tuberculosis and malaria and two modern ones: HIV and Ebola.

In his lecture S Wain-Hobson, one of the pioneers of HIV research, will discuss HIV and AIDS with a focus on the progress made and the major challenges still lying ahead. Next he will engage in a discussion on recent research that has led to the creation of dangerous viruses in the laboratory using recombinant DNA techniques and will question the motivations, risks and the potential benefits - if any - of this work.

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Image: a human T cell infected by HIV particles (yellow). Source NIAID, NIH



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